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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-15 and 17-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 12-15 and 17-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 7 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boullais.

See species 15, which corresponds to R₃'= Hydroxymethyl, X=O, other variables = H.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McCormick (1983).

See species 9a, which corresponds to X=S, other variables = H.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bloch.

See species XIV, which corresponds to X=S, R₃'= Hydroxymethyl, other variables = H. See species XXI, and XXII, which corresponds to X=O, R₃=R₃'= Hydroxymethyl, other variables = H. See XVI, XXXII-XXXIV, which corresponds to X=O, other variables = H.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McCormick (1978).

See species 2c, which corresponds to X=S, R₁ = benzyl, other variables = H.

Claims 1, 3, 10, 12-15, 17, 19, 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacobsen (1995).

See species 1, 25, 39, 40 and adenosine itself, which corresponds to X=O, R₁ = H or

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halobenzyl, R₃'= acetamido, hydroxymethyl or hydroxyethyl, R₂ = H, Cl, other variables = H.

Claims 1, 3, 10, 12-15, 17, 19, 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacobsen (1997).

See example 17, which corresponds to X=O, R₁ = halobenzyl, R₂ = Cl.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 12-15, 17-42 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

1. The term "thio" is a generic one, indicating the presence of sulfur in some form. Properly used, it is only a) as a prefix, referring to the replacement of O with S, or b) the end of a substituent name, denoting the Sulfur atom to which something else is attached. As a substituent, it has no one single generally accepted meaning. There could be intended thioxo (=S) or mercapto (-SH). If it denotes (as in a) above) replacement by S of some other atom, as in "thioalkoxy", then the rest of the term is missing. Perhaps there was intended some other term which began with "thio", such as thiocyanate or thioacyl or

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thiophenyl or perhaps a term which ended with thio, like arylthio or lithio or acylthio.

For whichever choice is made, applicants must show that one of ordinary skill in the art would have known that this choice, and not another, was intended.

2. The term "isomer" is unclear. Is this a stereoisomer? Geometric isomer? Position isomer (e.g. the 7-substituted purine rather than the 9-substituted purine)? Functional isomer?

For whichever choice is made, applicants must show that one of ordinary skill in the art would have known that this choice, and not another, was intended.

3. In claim 3 and 17, different than what? Different from the choice already provided for the variables?
4. Claim 8 appears to be identical to claim 6.
5. The scope of claim 12 is unknown. There is no way of knowing which diseases do fall and do not fall within the ambit of the claim. Finding out would involve a massive research project, as showing that a given disease, condition, etc. did not involve A3 would require the exhaustive effort necessary to provide a negative. As paragraph 0006 of the specification states, "its role has not yet been elucidated."

Claims 12-15, 26-42 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Pursuant to *In re Wands*, 858 F.2d 731, 737, 8 USPQ2d 1400, 1404 (Fed. Cir. 1988), one considers the following factors to determine whether undue experimentation is required: (A) The breadth of the claims; (B) The nature of the invention; (C) The state of the prior art; (D) The level of one of ordinary skill; (E) The level of predictability in the art; (F)

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The amount of direction provided by the inventor; (G) The existence of working examples; and (H) The quantity of experimentation needed to make or use the invention based on the content of the disclosure. Some experimentation is not fatal; the issue is whether the amount of experimentation is "undue"; see *In re Vaeck*, 20 USPQ2d 1438, 1444.

The analysis is as follows:

(1) Breadth of claims.

(a) Scope of the compounds. Owing to the fact that there are actually 7 primary variables, millions of compounds are embraced

(b) Scope of the diseases covered. This is quite extensive. Note the following:

I. Claims 12 and 26-33 are to an unknown set of disorders. See point 3 above.

II. Note that the claims call not only for treatment of these disorders, but prevention as well.

III. The scope of treating inflammation generally is extraordinarily broad. Inflammation is a process which can take place in virtually any part of the body. There is a vast range of forms that it can take, causes for the problem, and biochemical pathways that mediate the inflammatory reaction. It is one of the most pervasive of all body processes. Inflammation is a very general term which encompasses a huge variety of specific processes.

Inflammation is the reaction of vascularized tissue to local injury; it is the name given to the stereotyped ways tissues respond to noxious stimuli. These occur in two fundamentally different types. Acute inflammation is the response to recent or continuing injury. The principal features are dilatation and leaking of vessels, and recruitment of circulating neutrophils. Chronic inflammation or "late-phase inflammation" is a response to prolonged problems, orchestrated by T-helper lymphocytes. It may feature recruitment

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and activation of T- and B-lymphocytes, macrophages, eosinophils, and/or fibroblasts. The hallmark of chronic inflammation is infiltration of tissue with mononuclear inflammatory cells. Mechanistically, chronic inflammation encompasses a broad spectrum of immunologic processes, including antibody formation, antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity, and cell-mediated immunity (delayed-type hypersensitivity). Granulomas are seen in certain chronic inflammation situations. They are clusters of macrophages which have stuck tightly together, typically to wall something off. Granulomas can form with foreign bodies such as aspirated food, toxocara, silicone injections, and splinters.

Otitis media is an inflammation of the lining of the middle ear and is commonly caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Haemophilus influenzae*.

Cystitis is any inflammation of the bladder, often caused by bacteria. Two ordinary types are eosinophilic and tuberculous cystitis. Interstitial cystitis (IC) is a particularly severe form, an inflammation of the bladder wall which may include Glomerulations. The origins and mechanism are largely unknown, and it isn't even clear whether there is just one form of the disease or several. There is no actual pharmaceutical treatment for the disease itself, although a few drugs can give some relief of symptoms, specifically Elmiron and DMSO.

Blepharitis is a chronic inflammation of the eyelids that is caused by a staphylococcus. Dacryocystitis is inflammation of the tear sac, and usually occurs after a long-term obstruction of the nasolacrimal duct and is caused by staphylococci or streptococci. Preseptal cellulitis is inflammation of the tissues around the eye, and Orbital cellulitis is an inflammatory process involving the layer of tissue that separates the eye

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itself from the eyelid. These life-threatening infections usually arise from staphylococcus. Hence, these types of inflammations are treated with antibiotics.

There is also a wide assortment of forms of conjunctivitis, including seasonal allergic conjunctivitis, perennial allergic conjunctivitis, giant papillary conjunctivitis (GPC) (a chronic yet poorly condition associated with contact lens wear), Vernal keratoconjunctivitis and atopic keratoconjunctivitis. In addition to types of allergic conjunctivitis there is also bacterial conjunctivitis (e.g. from *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*) and viral conjunctivitis (e.g. from gonorrhea, herpes simplex, chlamydia, adenoviruses or enteroviruses) Parasitic conjunctivitis (e.g. from *Onchocerca volvulus*, *Loa loa*, *Wuchereria bancrofti* or *Trichinella spiralis*), fungal conjunctivitis (e.g. from *Candida albicans* or *Sporothrix schenckii*), Phlyctenular Conjunctivitis, Inclusion Conjunctivitis, immunologic conjunctivitis, irritant conjunctivitis (e.g. from burns, chlorine or air pollutants), Radiation conjunctivitis, and assorted forms of neonatal conjunctivitis (which can be caused by e.g. a blocked tear duct).

Cholecystitis is gallbladder inflammation usually caused by a gallstone that cannot pass through the cystic duct. In those cases, it normally cannot be treated by pharmaceuticals but instead the gallbladder is removed. Cholecystitis without the formation of gallstones, called acalculous cholecystitis, is caused by bacteria such as *Salmonella*, *Staphylococcus*, *Streptococcus* (as part of scarlet fever), and leptospirosis, and thus may be treatable by treating the underlying infectious agent. Acute inflammation of the gall bladder can also arise from typhoid; treatment is with antibiotics.

The term "arthritis" is used for any kind of inflammation of the joints arising from a wide diversity of causes and mediators, many of which are unknown. It mostly commonly

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refers to any of osteoarthritis, gouty arthritis, or rheumatoid arthritis. These are three totally different and unrelated disorders, which all have “arthritis” in their name and involve inflammation of the joints. Rheumatoid arthritis is an inflammatory disorder causing destruction of articular cartilage, in which macrophages accumulate in the rheumatoid synovial membrane. Mediators are cytokines, including IL-1, IL-18, TNF-I and IFN-K. It is thus an autoimmune condition where the body’s immune system attacks its joints. In gouty arthritis, joint inflammation is caused by the formation of monosodium urate monohydrate (MSU) crystals within the joint space. Acute attacks of gout are treated with colchicine (to inhibit of MSU-induced chemotactic factor release by PMNs) and after the acute phase with allopurinol to control the blood levels of uric acid. Osteoarthritis is a degenerative cartilage disorder; cartilage breakdown causes bones to rub against each other. Causes include injuries, diseases such as Paget's disease, and long term obesity, but often the cause is unknown, and the full mechanism has not been discovered. It is treated with NSAIDs and COX-2 inhibitors. Complicating matters further is that fibromyalgia is sometimes also intended to be included in the loose term “arthritis”. There is also Psoriatic Arthritis (including DIP, and spondylitis) which is believed to be autoimmune in origin but is a separate disorder from RA. There are also an assortment of infectious arthritis, i.e. arthritis caused by bacteria, rickettsiae, mycoplasmas, viruses (or vaccinations given to prevent viral infections), fungi, or parasites. Included in this category are various types of septic arthritis and mycotic arthritis, and viral arthritis, such as rubella arthritis, Lyme arthritis, Mumps arthritis, arboviral arthritis, syphilitic arthritis, parvovirus arthritis, tuberculous arthritis, Varicella arthritis, gonococcal arthritis, rubella arthritis, Reiter’s syndrome (which includes a form of arthritis commonly arising from infection by

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Chlamydia trachomatis) etc. These assorted disorders can arise from quite varied sources. Thus, in addition to the above, CPDD, sometimes called pseudoosteoarthritis, or pseudogout, arises from Calcium Pyrophosphate Deposition. It is treated with nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, corticosteroids and Colchicine. Menopausal arthritis is due to ovarian hormonal deficiency. Neuropathic arthritis (which comes in several forms, such as Charcot's disease) can arise from sources as diverse as Diabetes Mellitus, Steroid treatment, Leprosy, Chronic alcoholism, Heavy metal poisoning and Neoplastic peripheral neuropathy. Arthritis can also arise from injury to the supporting ligaments or other structures contained within or associated with the joint, a condition often called post-traumatic arthritis.

Sinusitis is the inflammation of the mucosal lining of one or more of the 4 cavities near the nasal passages (ethmoid, maxillary, frontal, and sphenoid sinuses). It commonly accompanies upper respiratory viral infections which obstruct the opening, but such obstruction can also arise from abnormalities in the structure of the nose, enlarged adenoids, diving/swimming, infections from a tooth, trauma to the nose, and foreign objects that are stuck in the nose. Bacteria, notably *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, and *Moraxella catarrhalis* grown in the trapped secretions. In most cases it requires no treatment, but antibiotics may be given, along with acetaminophen for pain and nosedrops, for relief of symptoms.

Pharyngitis is infection and inflammation of the throat (including the nasopharynx, uvula, and soft palate) and tonsillitis is of the tonsils. These are caused by a variety of viruses (adenoviruses, influenza viruses, parainfluenza viruses, Epstein-Barr virus, enteroviruses, Herpes simplex virus), mycoplasmas (e.g. *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*), and

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bacteria (Group A Beta Hemolytic Streptococci (GABHS), *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Neisseria Gonorrhea*, *Hemophilus Influenza* Type B) as well as fungal infections, parasitic infections, cigarette smoke, and unknown causes.

Similarly, Osteomyelitis is the inflammation of bones, generally caused by bacteria (most commonly *Staphylococcus Aureus*). The disease can be caused by fungi or viruses. Dacryoadenitis, an inflammation of the tear gland, can arise from infectious mononucleosis, mumps, gonorrhea, or influenza.

Pneumonia is an inflammation of the lungs. Lobar pneumonia affects one or more sections (lobes) of the lungs. Bronchial pneumonia (or bronchopneumonia) affects patches throughout both lungs. Bacterial pneumonia is caused by various bacteria notably *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. Viral pneumonia is caused by viruses (such as respiratory syncytial, parainfluenza, and influenza), Other causes are fungi, mycoplasmas, rickettsias (especially Q fever), Chlamydia, or parasites. It can also occur as a hypersensitivity, or allergic response, to agents such as mold, humidifiers, and animal excreta, and in such a case would be treated with anti-allergic agents. Treatment may include antibiotics for bacterial pneumonia. Antibiotics may also speed recovery from mycoplasma pneumonia and some special cases. There is no clearly effective treatment for viral pneumonia.

Adult (or Acute) Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) is severe inflammation in both lungs resulting in an inability of the lungs to function properly. ARDS is a devastating, often fatal, inflammatory lung condition that usually occurs in conjunction with catastrophic medical conditions, such as pneumonia, shock, sepsis, and trauma. No specific therapies currently exist for ARDS patients. Treatment primarily involves

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supportive care in an intensive care unit , including use of a mechanical ventilator and supplemental oxygen to help patients breathe.

Chronic bronchitis is a long-term inflammation of the bronchi, which results in increased production of mucus, as well as other changes. Chronic bronchitis has no specific organism recognized as the cause of the disease. Cigarette smoking is cited as the most common contributor to chronic bronchitis, followed by bacterial or viral infections and environmental pollution. Treatment is purely supportive and may include bronchodilators for inhaled medications, oxygen supplementation, lung reduction surgery and lung transplantation.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a slowly progressive disease of the airways that is characterized by a gradual loss of lung function. COPD includes chronic obstructive Bronchitis (which involves inflammation and eventual scarring of the bronchi) and emphysema (enlargement and destruction of the alveoli). Emphysema comes in several forms, including Congenital Lobar Emphysema, Bullous Emphysema, Centrilobular Emphysema (Proximal acinar emphysema), Panacinar (panlobular), Distal acinar (paraseptal) as well as Alpha-1 antitrypsin (AAT) deficiency, which is the genetic form of emphysema; patients often have both a form of bronchitis and emphysema. Ordinary chronic bronchitis is sometimes included with COPD even if there is no actual obstruction, and asthmatic bronchitis is generally included in COPD as well. Persons with COPD typically develop smaller air passageways, which can become clogged with mucus and have partially destroyed alveoli. There is no pharmaceutical treatment for COPD per se. Instead, treatment is supportive and designed to relieve symptoms and improve quality of life. Thus, oxygen is often given to partially compensate for the loss of lung function.

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Bronchodilators can expand passageways in the lungs, Corticosteroids can reduce inflammation and Antibiotics can ward off bacterial infections, but none of these treat the COPD itself.

Acute bronchitis is the inflammation of mucous membranes of the bronchial tubes and is usually caused by infectious agents such as bacteria or viruses. It may also be caused by physical or chemical agents -- dusts, allergens, strong fumes -- and those from chemical cleaning compounds, or tobacco smoke. (Acute asthmatic bronchitis may happen as the result of an asthma attack, or it may be the cause of an asthma attack.) Acute bronchitis is usually a mild, and self-limiting condition, with complete healing and return to function. Most of the treatment is supportive of the symptoms, and may include analgesics, such as acetaminophen for fever and discomfort.

Asthma is a chronic, inflammatory lung disease involving recurrent breathing problems. It is characterized by three airway problems: obstruction, inflammation, and hyper-responsiveness. These lead to contraction of airway muscles, mucus production, and swelling in the airways. There are many different asthma triggers.

Myocarditis is an inflammation of the muscular middle layer of the heart (myocardium) Viruses, bacteria, and noninfectious diseases can cause it. Treatment is primarily supportive e.g. drugs may be used to improve the heart's ability to contract and to remove extra fluids from the body. Unless the underlying infectious agent itself is treatable, this inflammation is not itself treated.

Glossitis is inflammation of the tongue. Local causes of glossitis include bacterial or viral infection, mechanical irritation or injury from burns, rough edges of teeth or dental and oral appliances, or other trauma; exposure to irritants (tobacco, alcohol, hot foods, or

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spices), and sensitization (to e.g. toothpaste, mouthwash, breath fresheners, dyes in candy, plastic in dentures or retainers) anemia and other B vitamin deficiencies, erythema multiform, pemphigus vulgaris, syphilis, and other disorders. It can be inherited. Corticosteroids such as prednisone may be given to reduce the inflammation. Antibiotics, antifungal medications, or other antimicrobials may be prescribed if the cause of glossitis is an infection. Anemia and nutritional deficiencies must be treated, often by dietary changes or other supplements.

Meningitis is the inflammation of the meninges—the surrounding 3-layered membranes of the brain and spinal cord, and the fluid it is bathed in, (CSF). It can be caused by virtually any known infectious agent. Thus, if it is caused by *Haemophilus influenzae* or *Neisseria meningitis*, the antibiotic derivative rifampin would be used.

Myelitis is inflammation of the spinal cord.

Dactylitis is an inflammatory affection of the fingers.

Inclusion body myositis is an inflammatory slowly progressive proximal myopathy which may cause dysphagia and mild to moderate muscle wasting. Steroids and immunosuppression have generally been generally ineffective. Its pathogenesis is unknown, but ubiquitin, prion protein, and tau protein has been found in these inclusions.

Encephalitis is inflammation of the brain itself, often caused by a group of arboviruses. Treatment of encephalitis is largely supportive because no specific antiviral agents, except for that which works against herpes simplex virus, are available for therapy.

Inflammation in the brain is a significant component of some important neurodegenerative conditions, including Alzheimer's Disease, AIDS dementia, Pick's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, and Huntington's Disease. The circumstances here are poorly

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understood because while there does not appear to be lympho-infiltrative processes, there is neuropathological evidence for immune activation. Thus, inflammation may be a disease-aggravating or even a disease-ameliorating factor in pathogenesis, or a non-contributory consequence of the injurious cascade of neurodegeneration and thus incidental.

Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver, usually caused by viral invasion, notably hepatitis A, B and C, but sometimes Epstein-Barr virus; herpes simplex viruses; measles, mumps, and chicken pox viruses; and cytomegaloviruses. Treatment, when possible, is with antivirals. Inflammation of the liver also take the form of alcoholic hepatitis. Lupoid hepatitis is an autoimmune disorder.

Hemorrhoids is an enlarged or varicose condition of the hemorrhoidal veins and tissues around the anus, either internal or external. Anything which obstructs the free circulation of the blood in the portal system will give rise to hemorrhoids. Constipation, straining at stool, diarrhea, dysentery, rough toilet paper, uncleanliness, pelvic tumors, displacement of the uterus and pregnancy are among the most common causes.

There is a series of inflammatory problems directly connected to neutrophil-endothelial cell adhesion (NECA). These include frostbite injury, bacterial meningitis, acute airway inflammation, allograft rejection, hemorrhagic shock, septic shock, ischemia and reperfusion injuries.

Urethritis is an inflammation of the duct that leads from the bladder to the body's exterior. It is often due to fecal contamination or irritation due to physical or chemical substances (e.g. introduction of foreign bodies into the urethra, bubble bath, or soap) or gonorrhea. Treatment may simply involve the withdrawal of the offending chemical agent, or the administration of antibiotics, when *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* is involved.

Inflammation can arise from the eruption of teeth in a child (teething).

Inflammation of the nails can arise from chronic paronychia, fungus (especially *Candida albicans*), trauma, impaired circulation, and dermatitis.

Bright's disease (or glomerulonephritis) is inflammation of the glomeruli and the nephrons, the structures in the kidney that produce urine. It usually results from an infection, such as a streptococcal infection, that occurs somewhere else in the body. There is no real treatment beyond relief of the symptoms.

Thyroiditis is an inflammation of the thyroid gland, and takes three forms. Hashimoto's Thyroiditis (chronic lymphocytic thyroiditis) is the most common type of thyroiditis. It is an autoimmune disorder, and treatment is to start thyroid hormone replacement. For De Quervain's Thyroiditis (subacute or granulomatous thyroiditis), treatment is usually bed rest and aspirin to reduce inflammation. Occasionally cortisone and thyroid hormone may be used. Silent Thyroiditis usually arises following pregnancy. Treatment is usually bed rest with beta blockers.

Regional enteritis (Crohn's disease or ileitis) is an autoimmune disorder which is associated with the presence of *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis*. It can affect any part of the gastrointestinal tract but most commonly affects the ileum. The inflammation is controlled primarily by regulation of diet, antibiotics if abscesses and fistulas are present, sometimes Prednisone and other corticosteroids, and surgery.

Another category of inflammatory disorders is Interstitial lung disease, or ILD, (interstitial pulmonary fibrosis), a term that includes more than 180 chronic lung disorders, which may be chronic, nonmalignant (non-cancerous) and noninfectious. Interstitial lung diseases are named after the tissue between the air sacs of the lungs called the interstitium

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-- the tissue affected by fibrosis (scarring). The common link between the many forms of ILD is that they all begin with an inflammation. The three main kinds are bronchiolitis - inflammation that involves the bronchioles (small airways); alveolitis - inflammation that involves the alveoli (air sacs); and vasculitis - inflammation that involves the small blood vessels (capillaries). More than 80 percent of interstitial lung diseases are diagnosed as pneumoconiosis, a drug-induced disease, or hypersensitivity pneumonitis. Some other types are idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, bronchiolitis obliterans, histiocytosis X, chronic eosinophilic pneumonia, granulomatous vasculitis, Goodpasture's syndrome and pulmonary alveolar proteinosis. The cause of interstitial lung disease is not known, however, a major contributing factor is thought to be inhaling environmental pollutants. Other contributing factors include Sarcoidosis, certain drugs, radiation, connective tissue or collagen diseases and family history. Treatments may include corticosteroids, influenza or pneumococcal pneumonia vaccine but these are of limited effectiveness.

Many Occupational Lung Diseases are inflammatory in origin, arising from repeated and long-term exposure to certain irritants on the job. These include for example asbestosis, coal worker's pneumoconiosis (caused by inhaling coal dust), silicosis (caused by inhaling free crystalline silica), byssinosis (caused by dust from hemp, flax, and cotton processing, also known as brown lung disease), aluminosis, anthracosis ("collier's lung", from the accumulation of carbon from inhaled smoke or coal dust in the lungs), chalicosis (stone-cutters' lung disease, due to inhaling stone dust), siderosis (occurring in iron workers, produced by the inhalation of particles of iron), tabacosis, hypersensitivity pneumonitis (caused by the inhalation of fungus spores from moldy hay, bird droppings,

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and other organic dusts and occupational asthma (caused by inhaling certain irritants in the workplace, such as dusts, gases, fumes, and vapors).

Proctitis is a form of inflammation of the rectum, and includes Antibiotic-Induced Proctitis, Gonorrheal Proctitis, Herpetic Proctitis, Ischemic Proctitis, Radiation Proctitis, Syphilitic Proctitis and idiopathic proctitis.

Pulmonary Sarcoidosis causes small lumps, or granulomas, which generally heal and disappear on their own. However, for those granulomas that do not heal, the tissue can remain inflamed and become scarred, or fibrotic. Pulmonary sarcoidosis can develop into pulmonary fibrosis. Bronchiectasis, a lung disease in which pockets form in the air tubes of the lung and become sites for infection, can also occur. Treatment may include the use of corticosteroids.

Stomatitis, inflammation of the mouth, and mucositis, inflammation of the mucosa can arise from sources as diverse as *Candida albicans*, dentures, chemotherapy and radiation therapy to the head, neck or mouth ("Radiation mucositis"). It may be secondary to infection, trauma, systemic diseases or autoimmune mechanisms. These come in many forms, such as aphthous ulcers, Acute Necrotizing Ulcerative Gingivitis i.e. "trench mouth", and Lichen Planus. Herpetiform ulcers treatment has ranged from antibiotics, immunosuppressants and yogurt, to *Lactobacillus* capsules, tetracycline and systemic steroids. Palliative measures include topical anesthetics, Vitamin E, analgesics, and coating agents. Antiviral agents may be used if viral origin is established.

Rhinitis is a reaction that occurs in the eyes, nose and throat when airborne irritants (allergens) trigger the release of histamine. Histamine causes inflammation and fluid production in the fragile linings of nasal passages, sinuses, and eyelids. The two

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categories of rhinitis are allergic rhinitis (seasonal and perennial) and nonallergic Rhinitis (including eosinophilic, rhinitis medicamentosa, vasomotor Rhinitis, neutrophilic rhinosinusitis, and others), which come from fumes, odors, temperature or atmospheric changes, smoke, etc. Treatments for nonallergic rhinitis include oral medications, inhaled medications, immunotherapy, and surgery for some conditions. Wegener's Granulomatosis is a disease that usually begins as a localized granulomatous inflammation of upper or lower respiratory tract mucosa and may progress into generalized necrotizing granulomatous vasculitis and glomerulonephritis. The cause is unknown. Although the disease resembles an infectious process, no causative agent has been isolated. Treatment is with immunosuppressive cytotoxic drugs.

Pancreatitis is inflammation of the pancreas and can arise from abdominal trauma, or the formation of gallstones that obstruct the common bile duct. It can be associated with excessive ingestion of alcohol; with disorders such as cystic fibrosis or Reye's syndrome; or with scorpion stings. Infectious causes include mycoplasmas, Epstein-Barr viruses, Coxsackie viruses, leptospirosis, hepatitis viruses, mumps, congenital German measles, Ascaris worms, and syphilis. The inflammation per se is generally not treatable. Treatment is usually supportive and consists of the management of pain and intravenous feeding.

Neuroretinitis is a type of inflammation of the retina and optic nerve of the eye ("optic neuritis"). It is often idiopathic. It frequently arises secondary to some kind of infection, such as Hepatitis B, HSV, EBV, influenza A, mumps, Coxsackie B, TB, salmonella, Lyme disease, syphilis, leptospirosis, Histoplasmosis, Toxoplasmosis, toxocara, Sarcoidosis and cat-scratch disease. Treatment is thus to the underlying cause. For example, Diffuse unilateral subacute neuroretinitis (DUSN) arises from nematodes deep in

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the retina or in the subretinal space. Anthelmintic treatment is then used. When the origin is Toxoplasmosis, then anti-Toxoplasma medications such as Pyrimethamine. Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome (Harada's disease) is an acute inflammatory, immune-mediated disorder that can cause choroidal neovascularization, severe chorioretinal atrophy, and secondary glaucoma.

River blindness arises from inflammation of the eye caused by larvae (microfilaria) of the nematode *Onchocerca volvulus*, although the *Wolbachia* bacteria may be involved as well.

Other eye inflammations include scleritis and episcleritis, inflammation of tissues on the sclera; choroiditis, inflammation of the middle coat (choroid) of the eyeball, and uveitis, which is inflammation of the parts of the eyes that make up the iris.

Gastritis is inflammation to the stomach lining. Atrophic gastritis is characterized by the loss of the stomach cells that are responsible for manufacturing acid, pepsin, and intrinsic factor. This condition occurs in older people or those suffering from *Helicobacter pylori*. Erosive (hemorrhagic) gastritis occurs when shallow ulcers or sores develop on the upper layer of the stomach lining, usually because of the excessive ingestion of a stomach irritant such as aspirin or alcohol.

There can also be mentioned appendicitis, which can occur when a hard piece of stool blocks the opening of the appendix, causing swelling and inflammation.

The great majority of skin problems involve some type of inflammation, such as response to physical injury (e.g. sunburn, ticks, abrasion, or a bee sting), acute allergic contact dermatitis (such as poison ivy), and infections (such as boils and cold sores). Ingrowing hairs, or pili incarnati, can cause acute pustular reactions. Cancerous lesions of

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the skin frequently show some degree of inflammatory response. Acne's inflammation is caused by leakage of sebum and keratin debris outside the distended pilosebaceous duct. The bacillus *Propionibacterium acnes*, which populates the lesions, may also contribute indirectly to this inflammation by metabolizing the sebum to produce irritant fatty acids. Inflammation in skin problems is usually the result of the release of chemical mediators in the skin, notably histamine, peptides (kinins) and fatty acids (prostaglandins and leukotrienes), which are formed enzymatically in response to e.g. injury. Medications designed to counteract inflammation in the skin may or may not antagonize the effects of the particular type of mediator involved, if that is known. The inflammation can take many different forms, including redness, (from dilation of blood vessels); heat, (from increased blood flow); swelling (from leakage of fluid from the small blood vessels); whealing reactions (hives, nettle rash, urticaria) in which vascular changes predominate, and pain or itching. Blisters (from enzymes released from inflammatory cells, resident cells of the skin, or blood plasma components) can cause the breakdown of proteins responsible for the structural integrity of the skin, leading to serious inflammatory disorders such as pemphigus. In addition, the affected skin may feel indurated (hardened) because of the deposition of the coagulation protein fibrin and the infiltration by inflammatory blood cells (lymphocytes, histiocytes, and polymorphonuclear leukocytes).

Prostatitis, inflammation of the prostate, comes in several different forms, including those of bacterial origins, and those which are not, including chronic abacterial prostatitis and asymptomatic inflammatory prostatitis. Certain types of anti-inflammatory agents, such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications (Ibuprofen and naproxen) along with muscle relaxants can be used in the non-bacterial cases.

There are a number of different forms of vasculitis, including Churg-Strauss vasculitis, consecutive vasculitis, granulomatous vasculitis of central nervous system, hypersensitivity vasculitis, (called also allergic or leukocytoclastic vasculitis or leukocytoclastic angiitis which arises from hypersensitivity to an antigenic stimulus), hypocomplementemic vasculitis, isolated vasculitis of central nervous system, nodular vasculitis, overlap vasculitis (polyangiitis overlap syndrome), pulmonary vasculitis including Wegener's granulomatosis, rheumatoid vasculitis, segmented hyalinizing vasculitis (livedo vasculitis), Polyarteritis nodosa, and urticarial vasculitis. There are also specific forms of arteritis, including coronary arteritis, equine viral arteritis, giant cell arteritis (cranial, granulomatous, or temporal arteritis or Horton's disease), infantile arteritis, infectious arteritis, arteritis obliterans (endarteritis obliterans), rheumatic arteritis, syphilitic arteritis, Takayasu's arteritis (aortic arch, or brachiocephalic arteritis or Martorell's syndrome or pulseless disease), tuberculous arteritis, endarteritis obliterans, arteritis umbilicalis, and verminous mesenteric arteritis.

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is an inherited disease characterized by an abnormality in the glands that produce sweat and mucus. It is chronic, progressive, and is usually fatal. The basis for the problem with CF lies in an abnormal gene, which results in an atypical electrolyte transport system within the cells of the body. The abnormal transport system causes the cells in the respiratory system, especially the lungs, to absorb too much sodium and water. This causes the normal thin secretions in our lungs to become very thick and hard to remove. The high risk of infection in the respiratory system leads to damage in the lungs, lung that do not work properly, and eventually death of the cells in the lungs. The

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most common causes for infection in the lungs are *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Haemophilus influenza* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (PA). The disorder itself is largely untreatable.

Osgood-Schlatter disease is a common form of inflammation of the knee in active adolescents. It has no pharmaceutical treatment per se. Other inflammations of the knee include Sinding-Larsen-Johansson disease, Patellofemoral syndrome, and osteochondritis dissecans.

Adhesive capsulitis is a type of inflammation of the shoulder. Its origin is usually unknown.

The above list is by no means complete, but demonstrates the extraordinary breadth of causes, mechanisms and treatment (or lack thereof) for inflammation.

It must be noted that an inflammatory response is a normal body process and for good reason. A certain level of inflammatory response is needed to protect the body from invading organisms, especially bacteria, viruses, and parasites. An acute inflammatory response is needed to activate the healing process for burns, mediated by a range of MMPs. In sprains or other ligament injuries, some inflammatory response is needed initially to initiate repair of the damage. In mechanical wounds, some inflammatory response is required for satisfactory wound healing and indeed anti-inflammatory drugs such as cortisone can impair healing when administered at the time of wounding. In fact, inflammation is too important to be dependent on a single pathway and so inflammation can be initiated by numerous different systems, and generally, if one fails or is thwarted, another can do some or all of the job.

IV. There are hundreds of types of cancers and tumors. They can occur in pretty much every part of the body. Here are some assorted categories:

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A. CNS cancers cover a very diverse range of cancers in many categories and subcategories. There are an immense range of neuroepithelial tumors. Gliomas, the most common subtype of primary brain tumors, most of which are aggressive, highly invasive, and neurologically destructive tumors are considered to be among the deadliest of human cancers. These are any cancers which show evidence (histological, immunohistochemical, ultrastructural) of glial differentiation. These fall mostly into five categories. There are the astrocytic tumors (Astrocytomas): Pilocytic astrocytoma (including juvenile pilocytic astrocytoma, JPA, and pediatric Optic Nerve Glioma) Diffuse astrocytomas (including Fibrillary astrocytomas, Protoplasmic astrocytomas and Gemistocytic astrocytomas), Anaplastic astrocytomas (including adult Optic Nerve Glioma), Glioblastoma multiforme (GBM), gliosarcoma and giant cell glioblastoma, and Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma. GBM exists in two forms, primary and secondary, which have very different clinical histories and different genetics, but iGBM is considered to be one clinical entity. Second, there are the oligodendroglial tumors (Oligodendrogliomas): Low grade Oligodendroglioma and Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma. Third, there is oligoastrocytomas ("mixed glioma"), a type of tumor with both astrocytoma & oligodendroglioma features. The fourth type is the Ependymomas, which are intracranial gliomas, including Papillary Ependymoma, Myxopapillary ependymoma, tanycytic ependymoma, Anaplastic ependymoma and subependymal giant cell astrocytomas. A fifth type is the Gangliogliomas (glioneuronal tumors or glioneurocytic tumors), which have both glial and neuronal components, and are extremely varied, based in part on what types of glial and what types of neuronal components are present. These include Papillary Glioneuronal Tumor (PGNT), a range of Supratentorial gangliogliomas, assorted intramedullary spinal cord gangliogliomas, Pineal ganglioglioma, Hypothalamic

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ganglioglioma, cerebellar ganglioglioma, Ganglioglioma of the right optic tract, rosetted glioneuronal tumor ("glioneurocytic tumor with neuropil rosettes"), composite pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma (PXA)-ganglioglioma, desmoplastic ganglioglioma (both infantile (DIG) and non-infantile), Angioganglioglioma, and others. There are also some Glial tumors which do not comfortably fit into these five categories, notably Astroblastoma, Gliomatosis cerebri, and chordoid glioma, which is found solely in the Hypothalamus and Anterior Third Ventricle. Other neuroepithelial tumors include astrocytic tumors (e.g. astrocytomas) oligodendroglial tumors, Ependymal cell tumors (e.g. myxopapillary ependymoma), mixed gliomas (e.g. mixed oligoastrocytoma and ependymo-astrocytomas) tumors of the choroid plexus (Choroid plexus papilloma, Choroid plexus carcinoma), assorted neuronal and Neuroblastic tumors (e.g. gangliocytoma, central neurocytoma, dysembryoplastic neuroepithelial tumor, esthesioneuroblastoma, Olfactory neuroblastoma, Olfactory neuroepithelioma, and Neuroblastomas of the adrenal gland), pineal parenchyma tumors (e.g. pineocytoma, pineoblastoma, and Pineal parenchymal tumor of intermediate differentiation), embryonal tumors (e.g. medulloepithelioma, neuroblastoma, retinoblastoma, ependymblastoma, Atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumor, Desmoplastic medulloblastoma, Large cell medulloblastoma, Medullomyoblastoma, and Melanotic medulloblastoma) and others such as polar spongioblastoma and Gliomatosis cerebri. A second Division is tumors of the meninges. This includes tumors of the meningotheial cells, including Meningiomas (Meningotheial, Fibrous (fibroblastic), Transitional (mixed), Psammomatous, Angiomatous, Microcystic, Secretory, Lymphoplasmacyte-rich, Metaplastic, Clear cell, Chordoid, Atypical, Papillary, Rhabdoid, Anaplastic meningioma) and the non-Meningioma tumors of the meningotheial cells (Malignant fibrous

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histiocytoma, Leiomyoma, Leiomyosarcoma, Rhabdomyoma, Rhabdomyosarcoma, Chondroma, Chondrosarcoma, Osteoma, Osteosarcoma, Osteochondroma, Haemangioma, Epithelioid haemangioendothelioma, Haemangiopericytoma, Angiosarcoma, Kaposi sarcoma). There are also Mesenchymal, non-meningothelial tumors (Lipomas, Angiolipoma, Hibernoma Liposarcoma, (intracranial)Solitary fibrous tumor, and Fibrosarcoma) as well as Primary melanocytic lesions (Diffuse melanocytosis, Melanocytoma, Malignant melanoma, and Meningeal melanomatosis). A third Division are the tumors of Cranial and Spinal Nerves. This includes schwannomas (Cellular, Plexiform and Melanotic), neurofibroma, Perineurioma (Intraneural and Soft tissue) and malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor (MPNST), including Epithelioid, MPNST with divergent mesenchymal differentiation, MPNST with epithelial differentiation, Melanotic, and Melanotic psammomatous). A fourth division are Germ Cell Tumors, including germinoma, embryonal carcinoma, yolk sac tumor, choriocarcinoma, and teratoma (Mature teratoma, Immature teratoma, and Teratoma with malignant transformation). A fifth division are the tumors of the Sellar Region, viz. pituitary adenoma, pituitary carcinoma, granular cell myoblastoma and craniopharyngiomas (Adamantinomatous and Papillary). Yet another division are local extensions from regional tumors, including paraganglioma, chondroma, chordoma, and chondrosarcoma. There are also Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumors (PNETs) including Medulloblastomas, medulloepitheliomas, ependyoblastomas and polar spongioblastomas. There are Vascular brain Tumors e.g. the hemangioblastomas, there is CNS Lymphoma (which can be primary or secondary) and Meningeal Carcinomatosis. There are Lymphoma AND Haemopoietic neoplasms including Malignant lymphomas

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(which can be primary or secondary), Plasmacytoma, and Granulocytic sarcoma. And there are many, many others.

B. Leukemia is any malignant neoplasm of the blood-forming tissues. Leukemia can arise from many different sources. These includes viruses such as EBV, which causes Burkitt's lymphoma, and HTLV-1, linked to certain T cell leukemias. Others are linked to genetic disorders, such as Fanconi's anemia, which is a familial disorder, and Down's Syndrome. Other leukemias are caused by exposure to carcinogens such as benzene, and some are actually caused by treatment with other neoplastic agents. Still other leukemias arise from ionizing radiation, and many are idiopathic. Leukemias also differ greatly in the morphology, degree of differentiation, body location (e.g. bone marrow, lymphoid organs, etc.) There are dozens of leukemias. There are B-Cell Neoplasms such as B-cell prolymphocytic leukemia and Hairy cell leukemia (HCL, a chronic leukemia). There are T-Cell Neoplasms such as T-cell prolymphocytic leukemia, aggressive NK cell leukemia, and T-cell granular Lymphocytic leukemia. There are different kinds of acute myeloid leukemias, acute promyelocytic leukemias, acute myelomonocytic leukemia, chronic myelomonocytic leukemia, acute monocytic leukemias, and erythroleukemias. There is also acute megakaryoblastic leukemia, acute promyelocytic leukemia, Multiple Myeloma, lymphoblastic leukemia, hypocellular acute myeloid leukemia, Ph-/BCR- myeloid leukemia, acute basophilic leukemia, and acute myelofibrosis. Chronic leukemias include chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL, which exists in a B-cell and a T-cell type), prolymphocytic leukemia (PLL), large granular lymphocytic leukemia (LGLL, which goes under several other names as well), chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), chronic myelomonocytic

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leukemia, chronic granulocytic leukemia, chronic neutrophilic leukemia, chronic eosinophilic leukemia and many others.

C. Carcinomas of the Liver include Hepatocellular carcinoma, Combined hepatocellular cholangiocarcinoma, Cholangiocarcinoma (intrahepatic), Bile duct cystadenocarcinoma and Undifferentiated carcinoma of the liver. There are also two types of liver hemangioma: cavernous and hemangioendothelioma.

D. The main types of lung and pleural cancer are small cell (i.e. oat cell, including combined oat cell), adenocarcinoma (Bronchioloalveolar carcinomas (Nonmucinous, Mucinous, and Mixed mucinous and nonmucinous or indeterminate cell type), Acinar, Papillary carcinoma, Solid adenocarcinoma with mucin, Adenocarcinoma with mixed subtypes, Well-differentiated fetal adenocarcinoma, Mucinous (colloid) adenocarcinoma, Mucinous cystadenocarcinoma, Signet ring adenocarcinoma, and Clear cell adenocarcinoma), squamous cell (Papillary, Clear cell, Small cell and Basaloid), mesothelioma (including epithelioid, sarcomatoid, desmoplastic and biphasic) and Large Cell Carcinoma (which include Large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma, Combined large-cell neuroendocrine carcinoma, Basaloid carcinoma, Clear cell carcinoma Lymphoepithelioma-like carcinoma, and Large cell carcinoma with rhabdoid phenotype). In addition there are also the carcinomas with pleomorphic, sarcomatoid or sarcomatous elements, including Carcinomas with spindle and/or giant cells, Spindle cell carcinoma, Carcinosarcoma and Pulmonary blastoma. The non-small cell lung carcinomas also include Adenosquamous carcinoma, the Carcinoid tumor (both typical Carcinoid and atypical Carcinoid) as well as carcinomas of salivary-gland type, including mucoepidermoid carcinoma and adenoid cystic carcinoma. There are some soft tissue tumors including localized fibrous tumor (formerly called benign

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fibrous mesothelioma); epithelioid haemangioendothelioma; pleuropulmonary blastoma; chondroma; calcifying fibrous pseudotumor of the visceral pleura); congenital peribronchial myofibroblastic tumors, diffuse pulmonary lymphangiomyomatosis and desmoplastic round cell tumor. There are assorted bronchial adenomas (eg, adenoid cystic carcinomas, mucoepidermoid carcinomas, mucous gland adenomas, and oncocytomatous bronchial mucous gland adenoma) as well as other adenomas, including papillary adenoma. There are some papillomas, including squamous cell papilloma and glandular papilloma. There is also malignant melanoma of the lung, Hamartoma, some germ cell tumors, thymoma and sclerosing haemangioma and many others as well.

E. Thyroid cancer comes in four forms: papillary thyroid cancer, follicular thyroid cancer, anaplastic thyroid cancer, and medullary thyroid cancer.

F. Carcinomas of the skin are the Basal cell carcinomas (BCC), including Superficial BCC, Nodular BCC (solid, adenoid cystic), Infiltrating BCC, Sclerosing BCC (desmoplastic, morpheic), Fibroepithelial BCC, BCC with adnexal differentiation, Follicular BCC, Eccrine BCC, Basosquamous carcinoma, Keratotic BCC, Pigmented BCC, BCC in basal cell nevus syndrome, Micronodular BCC. Another important family is the Squamous cell carcinomas (SCC) which include Spindle cell (sarcomatoid) SCC, Acantholytic SCC, Verrucous SCC, SCC with horn formation, and Lymphoepithelial SCC, along with less well classified SCCs such as Papillary SCC, Clear cell SCC, Small cell SCC, Posttraumatic (e.g., Marjolin ulcer) and Metaplastic (carcinosarcomatous) SCC. Another family is the Eccrine carcinomas including Sclerosing sweat duct carcinoma (syringomatous carcinoma, microcystic adnexal carcinoma), Malignant mixed tumor of the skin (malignant chondroid syringoma), Porocarcinoma, Malignant nodular hidradenoma, Malignant eccrine spiradenoma,

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Mucinous eccrine carcinoma, Adenoid cystic eccrine carcinoma, and Aggressive digital papillary adenoma/adenocarcinoma. Other carcinomas of the skin include Epidermal carcinomas, Paget disease, Mammary Paget disease, Extramammary Paget disease Adnexal carcinomas, Apocrine carcinoma, Sebaceous carcinoma, Tricholemmocarcinoma and Malignant pilomatricoma (matrical carcinoma).

G. There are many types of colon cancers, and this category is rather diverse. Most are adenocarcinomas, either of the mucinous (colloid) type or the signet ring type. Less common colon cancers include squamous cell, neuroendocrine carcinomas, carcinomas of the scirrhous type, lymphomas, melanomas, sarcomas (including fibrosarcomas and Leiomyosarcomas), and Carcinoid tumors.

H. Renal carcinomas include papillary renal cell carcinoma, conventional-type (clear cell) renal carcinoma, chromophobe renal carcinoma and collecting duct carcinoma.

I. Carcinomas of the prostate are usually adenocarcinomas, but others include small cell carcinoma, mucinous carcinoma, prostatic ductal carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma of the prostate, basal cell carcinoma, signet-ring cell carcinomas and others.

J. Penile carcinoma is usually a squamous cell carcinoma, but there is also Penile clear cell carcinoma and Sarcomatoid carcinoma.

K. The carcinomas of the extrahepatic bile ducts are of numerous types, including carcinoma in situ, Adenocarcinoma, Papillary adenocarcinoma, Adenocarcinoma (intestinal-type), Mucinous adenocarcinoma, Clear cell adenocarcinoma, Signet ring cell carcinoma, Adenosquamous carcinoma, Squamous cell carcinoma, Small cell carcinoma (oat cell carcinoma) and undifferentiated carcinoma of the extrahepatic bile ducts.

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(2) The nature of the invention and predictability in the art: The invention is directed toward the treatment of disease and is therefore physiological in nature. It is well established that "the scope of enablement varies inversely with the degree of unpredictability of the factors involved," and physiological activity is generally considered to be an unpredictable factor. See *In re Fisher*, 427 F.2d 833, 839, 166 USPQ 18, 24 (CCPA 1970).

(3) Direction or Guidance: That provided is very limited. There is for example no specific discussion of which inflammatory disorders are not actually intended. Only a few inflammatory disorders are named. The dosage information that is provided on page 22 is generic, that is, it is not linked to any specific disease, and moreover is a 3000 fold range. In terms of naming cancers, paragraph 0047 gives a wide swath of the body, naming cancers of the lung, bone cancer, pancreas, skin, head, neck, uterus, ovaries, stomach, colon, breast, cervix, esophagus, small intestine, endocrine glands, thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal glands, prostate, blood, bladder, kidney, central nervous system (CNS), etc, covering most of the body and largely useless.

(4) State of the Prior Art: The prior art has established that there is no common mechanism by which all, or even most, inflammations arise. Mediators include bradykinin, serotonin, histamine, fibrin, PDE-IV, kallikrein, plasmin, thrombin, PAF, Mac-1, VLA-4, VLA-5, VLA-6, VCAM-1, LFA-1, ICAM-1, Prostaglandins and cyclic endoperoxides (particularly prostacycline, prostaglandin E2, and thromboxane A2), leukotrienes (especially LTB4, LTC4, LTD4, and LTE4) and cytokines, and many, others. Examples of pro-inflammatory cytokines include IL-11, IL-19, IL-6, IL-8, IL-18, MIP-1a, IFN-K and TNF-I. The Complement Pathway, which exists in two separate branches, uses C1, C4a,

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C4b, C2, C3a, C3b, C5a, C5b, C6, C7, C8 and C9, as well as the membrane attack complex (MAC) and other complexes, C3 and C5 convertase enzymes, Magnesium ions, and Factors B, D, F, H, etc.

The prior art knows that mediation of inflammation is among the most pervasive and complex of all body process. There are complex interactions among just the cytokines, and just in certain types of inflammatory responses. As a second example, the Hageman factor is a protein that initiates three different processes: a) the intrinsic clotting process which operates via thrombin and fibrin, b) the fibrinolytic system which produces fibrinolysis via plasmin and 3) the kallikrein/kinin cascade, which produces the kinins, e.g. bradykinin. Further, Plasmin can also activate C3 and C5 in the complement cascade (an entirely separate set of vascular events) producing C3a and C5a, respectively, as can thrombin.

Further, the prior art knows that there are many paradoxical features in the inflammation system. As an example, in lung inflammation, nitric oxide appears to be a pro-inflammatory mediator in acute situations e.g. ARDS but anti-inflammatory in more stable situations. As a second example, the cytokine TGF-beta-1 possesses both pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory activities. Virtually all cells have TGF-beta-1 receptors, and the cytokine has many other roles other than in inflammation. As a third example, CRF appears to have both pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory activities.

Thus, the prior art knows that, treatments for inflammation are normally tailored to the particular type of inflammation present, as there is no, and there can be no "magic bullet" against inflammation generally.

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The claimed compounds are by and large tetrahydrothiophene derivatives. So far as the examiner is aware tetrahydrothiophenes have not been successfully used as anticancer agents.

(5) Working Examples: There are no working examples of treatment of any disorder at all. All that is shown is binding to A3 receptor.

(6) Skill of those in the art: For a compound or genus to be effective against inflammation generally is contrary to the present understanding of medical science. It establishes that it is not reasonable for any agent to be able to treat inflammation generally. That is, the skill is so low that no compound effective generally against inflammatory disorders has ever been found. In terms of the individual inflammatory disorders, this is completely varied. It ranges from areas where the skill level is high, as in asthma, to ARDS, where the skill level is so low that there is no effective pharmacological treatment.

The prior art also knows that there never has been a compound capable of treating cancer generally. "The cancer therapy art remains highly unpredictable, and no example exists for efficacy of a single product against tumors generally."

(<<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/1pecba.htm#7>> ENABLEMENT DECISION TREE, Example F, situation 1) There are compounds that treat a modest range of cancers, but no one has ever been able to figure out how to get a compound to be effective against cancer generally, or even a majority of cancers. Thus, the existence of such a "silver bullet" is contrary to our present understanding in oncology. Even the most broadly effective antitumor agents are only effective against a small fraction of the vast number of different cancers known. This is true in part because cancers arise from a wide variety of sources, such as viruses (e.g. EBV, HHV-8, and HTLV-1), exposure to chemicals such as tobacco

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tars, genetic disorders (e.g. Tuberous Sclerosis), ionizing radiation, and a wide variety of failures of the body's cell growth regulatory mechanisms. Different types of cancers affect different organs and have different methods of growth and harm to the body, and different vulnerabilities. Cancers that affect just a certain type of structure can be quite varied. Fibromas for example include Infantile myofibromatosis, Fibrous hamartoma of infancy. Juvenile hyaline fibromatoses. Infantile digital fibromatoses. Calcifying aponeurotic fibromas. Giant cell fibroblastoma. Ovarian fibroma, Dermatofibroma, myofibroma, myofibromatosis, desmoplastic fibroma, neurofibroma, peripheral odontogenic fibroma, peripheral ossifying fibroma, giant cell fibroma, Chondromyxoid Fibroma, Oral Neurofibroma, Juvenile aponeurotic fibroma (JAF), aggressive infantile fibromatosis (AIF), omental fibroma, Perifollicular fibroma, ameloblastic fibroma, Premalignant Fibroepithelial Tumor (Pinkus Tumor), Periungual fibroma (Koenen tumor), desmoid tumor, tracheal fibroma and many others. Since it is beyond the skill of oncologists today to get an agent to be effective against cancers generally, evidence that the level of skill in this art is low relative to the difficulty of such a task. The skill thus depends on the particular cancer involved. There are a few cancers where the skill level is high and there are multiple successful chemotherapeutic treatments. One skilled in the art knows that chemotherapy of brain tumors is especially difficult. This is because 1) the blood-brain barrier, which is often intact in parts or all of a brain tumor, will block out many drugs, as it is the purpose of the blood-brain barrier to protect the brain from alien chemicals, and 2) CNS tumors are characterized by marked heterogeneity, which greatly decreases vulnerability to chemotherapy. As a result, many categories of CNS tumors simply have no chemotherapy available. These include, generally, hemangiomas and hemangioblastomas, meningiomas,

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craniopharyngiomas, acoustic neuromas, pituitary adenomas, optic nerve gliomas, glomus jugulare tumors and chordomas, to name just some. With regard to gliomas, GBM is considered untreatable; no effective agents have emerged for the treatment of GBM, despite 20 years of enrolling patients in clinical trials. It is radiation and surgery which are used for low grade gliomas (e.g. Pilocytic astrocytoma and Diffuse astrocytomas), as no drug has been found effective. There is no drug treatment established as effective for optic nerve gliomas or gangliogliomas. Indeed, very few gliomas of any type are treated with pharmaceuticals; it is one of the categories of cancer that is the least responsive to drugs. Of the thyroid cancers, only one (anaplastic thyroid cancer) can be treated with anticancer agents. The other are treated with radioactivity, surgery, or thyroid suppression hormones. (7) The quantity of experimentation needed: Owing to the factors listed above, especially in points 1(b), 4 and (6), experimentation needed will be extensive. Because of the sheer scope of this claim language, dozens of unrelated diseases will have to be tested. Many of these are already known to be resistant to pharmacological treatment as noted above.

MPEP 2164.01(a) states, "A conclusion of lack of enablement means that, based on the evidence regarding each of the above factors, the specification, at the time the application was filed, would not have taught one skilled in the art how to make and/or use the full scope of the claimed invention without undue experimentation. *In re Wright*, 999 F.2d 1557,1562, 27 USPQ2d 1510, 1513 (Fed. Cir. 1993)." That conclusion is clearly justified here.

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Claim Objections

Claims 5, 7, and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Foreign Priority

Applicants have claimed benefit in the PCT application of REPUBLIC OF KOREA 2002/0065441 10/25/2002, but no copy of this document has been received, nor does it appear on the oath. Clarification is invited.

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